

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF WASTE PREVENTION
DIVISION OF PLANNING & EVALUATION

N O T I C E

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), acting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 111, Sections 142A through 142N, will hold public hearings on proposed revisions to the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone. The proposed revisions include amendments to the State's air pollution control regulations, 310 CMR 7.00, et seq., specifically, to the NO_x Allowance Trading Program, 310 CMR 7.28. They describe a process for allocating allowances under the existing Public Benefit Set-Aside provisions to provide incentives for the development of Renewable Energy Projects and Energy Efficiency Projects. The proposed revisions also modify the regulation so that it is consistent with new federal requirements at 40 CFR Part 75.

DEP will hold two hearings to gather public comments on the proposed revisions to the NO_x Allowance Trading Program. After public comment and upon promulgation of the amendments to 310 CMR 7.28, the SIP revisions will be submitted to EPA. The public hearings will be conducted under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30A on the following dates at the following locations:

May 7, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.
DEP - Western Regional Office
1st Floor, Room 303
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA

May 8, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.
DEP - Boston Office
2nd Floor Conference Room
One Winter Street
Boston, MA

The public hearing sites are wheelchair accessible. For special accommodations for these events, contact Eileen Hiney at 617-292-5520. This information is available in alternative format upon request by contacting Aprel McCabe, DEP's ADA coordinator, at 617-556-1171, BAS/HR, 3rd Floor, One Winter Street, Boston MA 02108.

Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 PM on May 19, 2003. Please submit three copies of any written testimony. Written testimony must be submitted to:

Eileen Hiney
DEP/BWP/Division of Planning & Evaluation
One Winter Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Attention: Public Benefit Set-Aside Comments

Please ensure that comments are sent to the above address; comments sent to other offices at DEP may not be received in time to be included in the official hearing docket. Copies of the proposed revisions and supporting background information will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the DEP's Boston Office, One Winter Street, Boston, MA and the four Regional Service Centers of the DEP. In addition, these documents can be obtained from DEP's website at: <http://www.state.ma.us/dep>. For more information, contact Eileen Hiney at 617-292-5520 or Vincent Maraventano at 617-292-5728.

By Order of the Department
Acting Commissioner Edward P. Kunce